

NCC Minutes 4/17/06

Open meeting: 7:04 p.m.

Present: D. Mason, A. Watts, L. Carroll, L. Hill, B. Byrnes, S. Shope

1) Ongoing Administrative Business:

- a. Treasurer's Report: Read by D. Mason, motion to accept S. Shope, seconded by B. Byrne, all in favor YES.
- b. Minutes 3/20/06: D. Mason amended to include presentation of \$1000 bill from G.B.E.P., motioned to accept as amended, seconded by A. Watts, all in favor YES.

2) Conditional Use Application- Bob Gosselin, Finn Ave.

Proposes to build stone wall with silt fence around wetlands, pull stumps then backfill to wall. Needs Conditional Use Permit from Planning Board with our approval. D. Mason motions to accept proposal and recommend to Planning Board, B. Byrne seconds, all in favor YES.

3) Cole Property Update- Brian Hart, R.L.T.

- a. Applying for 50% match grant from Farm and Ranchland Protection Program
 - P & S in place with Coles
 - Land evaluated for various attributes on point rating- have 63 points= fair rating
- b. Necessitates 2 easements valued at total of \$795,000
 - Farmland Easement- ~\$400,000
 - Wildlife Easement-~\$400,000
- c. Town of Newfields needs to be involved in application process
 - R.L.T. needs letter from town that it is willing to hold easement on Cole Prop.
 - A. Watts has volunteered to help
- d. Will know by 6/11/06 whether grant received- should have the funds to conserve if approved.

4) Review of possible Attorneys to handle Cole transaction

- C. Tucker already working for R.L.T.
- T. Masland- Worked with Coles on property and A. Watts has experience deal- with and felt was very competent.
- S. Shope volunteered to contact the various lawyers and get estimates, etc.

5) Bills- Fran Lane

3/6/06- \$1387.00- already paid

3/17/06-\$2056.50- approved by selectman

3/31/06-\$2134.00- approved by selectman

A. Watts makes a motion to accept and pay, L. Carroll seconded, all in favor YES

6) Other Business:

a.) Markers for Easements- L. Carroll

Presented example of circular marker that we need to choose wording for. Will look into price of bronze markers. We would also like to see “mock-up” before final approval.

b.) Steve Shope

- Investigated possible access by vehicle onto town trails mentioned at 3/06 meeting. Probably came in through Chinburg condos. May be difficult to block access at this point. Proposed cutting large pine tree to block. Will investigate.

- Has noticed some flagging on Rugg property

- Realtor has supplied trail maps at entrance to Town Forest

c.) Dave Mason mentioned noticing flags off Rte. 87 West of Bald Hill – no info.

Next meeting: 05/15/06

Adjourn 8:50 p.m.

NCC member L.Hill 4/17/06